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SUBJECT: CSCE-BASKET II: SAFEGUARDS

1. AT FIRST POST-RECESS MEETINGS SEPTEMBER 10 CSCE SUBCOMMITTEE
ON COMMERCIAL EXCHANGES TOOK YP EC SAFEGUARD
PROPOSAL (D/143 REV. 1). IN RESPONSE EASTERN COMMENTS
WHEN TEXT DISCUSSED EARLIER, EC (KAWAN) PROPOSED
SUBSTITUTION QUOTE AND UNQUOTE FOR QUOTE OR UNQUOTE
IN SECOND LINE, AND ADDITIONAL CLAUSE REFERRING TO CONSULTATIONS.
THUS PROPOSED TEXT READS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE WILL ENDEAVOR
TO ENSURE THAT THEIR TRADE IN THE VARIOUS PRODUCTS IS CONDUCTED
IN SUCH QUANTITIES AND UNDER SUCH CONDITIONS AS NOT TO CAUSE
OR THREATEN TO CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY TO THE INTERNAL
MARKET FOR THOSE PRODUCTS, AND NOTABLY TO PRODUCERS
OR SIMILAR OR DIRECTLY COMPETITIVE PRODUCTS; IF THEY
CONSIDER IT NECESSARY TO TAKE SAFEGUARD MEASURES,
THEY WILL PROCEED TO APPROPRIATE CONSULTATIONS AND
WILL BEAR IN MIND THE INTERESTS OF THE PARTIES INVOLVED.
END QUOTE.

2. EASTERN COUNTRIES SAID FIRST PART OF TEXT WOULD BE
ACCEPTABLE IF WORD "PRODUCERS" REPLACED BY "DOMESTIC
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PRODUCTION". SAID TERM PRODUCERS DID NOT APPEAR IN ANY

OF ITS BILATERAL AGREEMENTS. EC STRONGLY OPPOSED THIS CHANGE. NOTE: BELGIAN TOLD US SOVIETS HAD INDICATED QUESTION OF PRODUCERS/DOMESTIC PRODUCTION HAD BEEN MAJOR ISSUE IN US/USSR NEGOTIATIONS, AND AFTER HAVING PREVAILED THERE AFTER HARD DEBATE SOVIETS COULD NOT POSSIBLY BE MORE FORTHCOMING IN CSCE. DELEGATION WOULD APPRECIATE ANY LIGHT DEPARTMENT CAN THROW ON THIS AND GUIDANCE AS TO HOW HARD WE SHOULD PUSH FOR QUOTE PRODUCERS UNQUOTE IN RESPECT PRESENT TEXT. EASTERN COUNTRIES(AND AUSTRIA) ASKED FOR TIME TO REFLECT ON SECOND PART NEW EC PROPOSAL.

3. CANADA SAID COULD ACCEPT NEW EC TEXT ALTHOUGH PREFERRED FORMER VERSION. US ALSO SAID IT COULD GO ALONG, BUT WOULD HAVE TO BE UNDERSTOOD THAT AS FAR AS EXPORT TRADE CONCERNED, US HAD NEITHER ABILITY NOR POLICY OF CONTROLLING EXPORT QUANTITIES. WE CONSIDER RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROTECTING DOMESTIC PRODUCERS FROM EXCESSIVELY DAMAGING IMPORTS IS RESPONSIBILITY OF IMPORTING COUNTRY. OUR COMPLIANCE WITH CLAUSE WOULD THUS BE ONLY THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL AGREEMENTS ALLOWING TRADING PARTNERS TO TAKE SAFEGUARD ACTION IN SPECIFIED CIRCUMSTANCES. NOTE: WE RECOGNIZE THIS AS STRETCHING THINGS SOMEWHAT, BUT WISH TO BE AS POSITIVE AS POSSIBLE TO EC EFFORTS ACHIEVE UNDERTAKINGS FROM EAST IN THIS AREA.

4. US SUGGESTED SUBSTITUTING QUOTE THEY WOULD BE PREPARED TO ENTER INTO UNQUOTE FOR QUOTE THEY WILL PROCEED TO UNQUOTE IN NEW EC FORMULATION RE CONSULTATION. CANADA SUPPORTED. OTHERS HAVE NOT YET REACTED.
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